

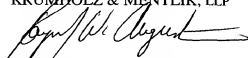
The claims herein are directed to the non-election claims of Group I of the claims set forth in the restriction requirement issued by the Examiner on May 2, 2000 in the parent application, U.S. Serial No. 09/263,268.

It is believed that the bioabsorbable materials and medical devices made therefrom of the present invention is patentably distinguishable over the prior art. Accordingly, entry of the foregoing amendments and passage of the application to issue are earnestly solicited.

If there are any fees due and owing in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge applicant's Deposit Account No.: 12-1095.

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